

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2003 – 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 680 new fires were reported for the week ending November 21st. Six large fires were reported, two each in the Rocky Mountain and Southern Areas and one each in the Eastern and Northern Rockies Areas. Five large fires were contained during the week, two in the Southern Area and one each in the Eastern, Rocky Mountain and Northern Rockies Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona and Colorado.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

MILL ROAD, South Dakota Division of Forestry. A South Dakota State Incident Management Team (Lehmann) is assigned. This fire is in grass and Ponderosa pine, six miles north of Rapid City, SD. Running, spotting and single tree torching were observed. Good progress on containment efforts was achieved due to rain and snow.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MILL ROAD	SD	SDS	1,000	95	UNK	30	0	9	0	0	NR
TONGUE RIVER	WY	SHX2	1,500	100	---	78	0	27	0	0	NR

SHX2 = Sheridan County

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HAYSTACK FIRE	NC	NCS	132	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
WC-4-04-1	LA	SBR	525	100	---	7	0	3	1	0	4.5K

NCS = North Carolina State Division of Forest Resources

SBR = Sabine National Wildlife Refuge

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
128 FIRE	MA	MAS	300	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	13K

MAS = Massachusetts Bureau of Forest Fire Control

## NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PISTOL CREEK	MT	FHA	120	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	10K

FHA = Flathead Agency

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Strong winds and low humidity is on tap for Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas ahead of a cold front which should reach northern Arizona Friday and into Texas on Sunday. In the Southeast, low humidity will prevail over portions of northern Florida Friday. High pressure over the area will give way to a cold front moving through the area Sunday and Monday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern California</b> Scattered showers with snow above 3,000 feet.	55-65 coastal areas. 30-50 mountains. 55-65 valleys. 50-60 upper desert. 60-70 low desert.	30-40% desert. 40-60% mountains. 35-55% valleys. 50-60% coast.	Southwest to northwest 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts over the mountains and deserts and 10 to 20 mph elsewhere.



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## **UNBURNED FUEL BETWEEN YOU AND THE FIRE**

It is important for firefighters to recognize unburned fuel between themselves and the fire as Watchout Situation #11. Often it is not possible or practical to direct attack a fire. Before attempting indirect attack and any time the firefighter is in a position where there is unburned fuel between them and the fire, the following questions must be addressed immediately:

- Can you see the fire? Discuss situations you might find yourself in where you are out in the green and cannot see the fire. What can you do?
- Is fire spread in a direction away from you? Do you consider the potential for fire spread? Are you safe if the wind switches?
- Will your position be defensible when the fire reaches you? Talk about what must be taken into account when building indirect line or approaching a fire through the green.
- Is your line anchored? Discuss how you anchor indirect line.
- Are your escape routes and safety zones adequate? What is adequate?
- To reduce the risks:
  - Post lookouts
  - Consider a different location. Review situations where you constructed indirect line or approached a fire through the green and how you provided for your safety.

**FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				32	33
	ACRES		0				3	3
Northern California	FIRES		1			2	2	5
	ACRES		6			0	0	6
Southern California	FIRES			1		8	2	11
	ACRES			2		20	0	22
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					15	1	16
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					2	0	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1,000		1,000
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1		1		608	14	624
	ACRES	1		525		3,637	65	4,228
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	2	0	622	53	680
	ACRES	1	6	527	0	4,674	69	5,277

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	22	11	402	13	465
	ACRES	23	40,821	266,855	3,980	247,925	2	559,606
Northwest	FIRES	307	253	16	56	1,928	1,346	3,906
	ACRES	24,278	18,236	17	1,195	50,620	265,658	360,004
Northern California	FIRES	184	73	17	21	3,148	1,281	4,724
	ACRES	255	12,639	603	6,879	82,689	38,446	141,511
Southern California	FIRES	69	140	12	76	3,015	867	4,179
	ACRES	1,656	42,055	376	1,828	286,598	262,122	594,635
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,166	71	35	86	994	1,539	3,891
	ACRES	90,652	69,435	23,356	166,679	165,603	365,892	881,617
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	847	7	46	907	1,059	2,925
	ACRES	19,424	131,580	1,244	2,733	56,354	147,397	358,732
Western Great Basin	FIRES	11	460	2	11	129	183	796
	ACRES	62	13,182	79	6	941	3,309	17,579
Southwest	FIRES	959	193	5	72	907	2,141	4,277
	ACRES	35,712	5,917	284	10,171	16,212	203,823	272,119
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	804	40	48	4,237	760	6,074
	ACRES	20,214	17,477	1,964	783	81,625	58,638	180,701
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		114	37	10,456	531	12,100
	ACRES	53,155		8,195	708	117,040	5,935	185,033
Southern Area	FIRES	165		47	16	14,601	425	15,254
	ACRES	23,568		12,655	1,839	221,142	9,502	268,706
TOTAL	FIRES	4,069	2,856	317	480	40,724	10,145	58,591
	ACRES	268,999	351,342	315,628	196,801	1,326,749	1,360,724	3,820,243

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>81,805</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,984,838</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in November\*\*\*

and

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	14	31				28	73
	ACRES	1,031	1,460				676	3,167
Northern California	FIRES		0	0	2		46	48
	ACRES		7	903	60		1,529	2,499
Southern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,102	1,102
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2	27	30
	ACRES	30				15	395	440
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					13	0	13
	ACRES					2,690	186	2,876
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						14	14
	ACRES						734	734
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3				1	4
	ACRES		8				5	13
Eastern Area	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				440		54	494
Southern Area	FIRES			7	1		7	15
	ACRES			3,792	1,500		3,844	9,136
TOTAL	FIRES	15	34	7	4	15	128	203
	ACRES	1,061	1,475	4,695	2,000	2,705	8,525	20,461

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	60	154	38	3		508	763
	ACRES	8,624	28,483	7,505	123		45,641	90,376
Northern California	FIRES	14	7	112	23		240	396
	ACRES	152	348	22,728	2,828		15,520	41,576
Southern California	FIRES		2	7	9		108	126
	ACRES		27	773	3,335		15,541	19,676
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	10	96	4	127	525	775
	ACRES	532	6,972	15,325	760	4,566	31,419	59,574
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	8		46	76	165
	ACRES	18	33,462	410		7,670	23,682	65,242
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		1,270		2,084		230	3,584
Southwest	FIRES	34	38	20	11	4	381	488
	ACRES	15,899	32,781	39,558	9,183	13	63,367	160,801
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	31	36	101	9	19	73	269
	ACRES	1,847	28,651	13,820	9,592	2,215	21,678	77,803
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		381	17	525	195	1,144
	ACRES	10,640		68,908	2,263	85,311	12,444	179,566
Southern Area	FIRES	54		289	106	16,007	1,296	17,752
	ACRES	19,404		101,799	86,521	827,577	961,098	1,996,399
TOTAL	FIRES	233	287	1,052	185	16,734	3,403	21,894
	ACRES	57,116	131,994	270,826	116,689	928,907	1,190,620	2,696,152

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES				9		3	12
	ACRES				3,544		251	3,795
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			65		55	122
	ACRES	0			14,744		24,808	39,552
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		34	41
	ACRES				448		15,924	16,372
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25		2		3	30
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	10	31	1	106	0	192	340
	ACRES	42	1,648	42,800	25,608	0	259,315	329,413

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1								4	
Northern California										
Southern California	2		2		4					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin					3					
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			6	30						9
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			5	4	1				3	
Total	3	0	13	34	8	0	0	0	7	9

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